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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 24th, 1908.

It is evident from the REUTER'S telegram we published a day or two ago that the Anti-Opium League, of which Mr. TAYLOR, M.P., is a shining light, is becoming restive under the delay which has occurred in Hongkong in giving effect to the Imperial Government's urgent instructions to the Governor to take steps for the closing of "the opium dens" in the Colony. By asking a question in the House of Commons on the subject Mr. TAYLOR displays an anxiety that the Government should not permit itself to wink at any protracted neglect to carry out the policy indicated in the statement on the subject made to the House of Commons early in May last by Colonel SEELY, the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies. The reply given to Mr. TAYLOR is not a little interesting when contrasted with the declarations made to the House of Commons in May last by Colonel SEELY, in answering Mr. TAYLOR's question said the EARL OF CREWE was now considering the proposals made by Sir FREDERICK LUGARD and the Government hoped shortly to come to a decision on the subject. Colonel SEELY's declaration in the House of Commons on the 10th of May that the Government would not recede from the position that "we must act up to the standard set by the Chinese Government" can leave us in no doubt that the Government intends to adhere to the decision to close the so-called opium dens. China having set the example, it is only a question as to how soon Hongkong is to follow it. It would be interesting to know further whether the Imperial Government place any limitations on the declaration that in deal-

ing with the opium question "we must act up to the standard set by the Chinese Government." Does this commit the Colonial Government to the policy or practice of treating opium-smokers virtually as convicted criminals, as the Chinese authorities are doing in Canton? In the metropolis of South China every individual who smokes opium is required to obtain a license from the police authorities, and, as if to emphasize the criminality of the act of smoking, he is required to carry with him wherever he goes a wooden badge, similar to those worn by convicted criminals. The smoker is apparently spared the indignity of wearing the badge about his neck, as the convicted criminals do; he may carry it in his pocket or up his sleeve as long as he is ready to produce it immediately it is demanded for inspection by a policeman or a licensed retailer of opium who is required to register on it, on pain of forfeiture of his license to retail, the quantity purchased by the unhappy victim of police surveillance. We can hardly suppose that the Imperial Government intends to emulate the Chinese Government in this respect, though the declaration made in the House of Commons by the Under Secretary on May 10th seems to commit the Government to any interference with the liberty of the opium-smoking subject. Be it noted that the Chinese authorities are going much further than the mere closing of the so-called opium dens. They are, as we have said, requiring all smokers to take out licenses, renewable annually, which show how much each smoker is entitled to purchase per day, and each year the license is renewed the smoker's allowance of opium is to be reduced until the quantity reaches the vanishing point. Is this example which is being set by China in the neighbouring province to be followed in Hongkong? If so it means that we shall be required not only to sacrifice a large part of our revenue but add appreciably to our expenditure, as we presume the present police staff is hardly adequate to give the supervision that would be necessary.

The great interest the subject possesses for the majority of the Colony is the bearing it has on local taxation. Only by what is virtually a loan of \$400,000 is the Colony able to balance its estimated expenditure in the coming year, and if, as seems certain, we have to sacrifice in the coming year a large part of our opium revenue, there is but one alternative to a reduction or remission of the military contribution—and that is increased taxation. In his Budget speech, His EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR recognised that it would be unwise to impose additional taxation, and Sir FREDERICK LUGARD did not make up his mind that the Colony could reasonably ask for a reduction of the military contribution. In this connection it is interesting to learn that the Colony of Mauritius is financially embarrassed, and a Mauritius contemporary says it has become known that the Governor (Sir CAVENTISH BOYLE) has written a dispatch to the Secretary of State recommending that the military contribution be remitted for a period of two years, "and also that the salary attached to his own post be reduced from £75,000 to £50,000." We do not press this example of personal sacrifice upon H.E. the Governor, but draw attention to the recommendation as a remission of the military contribution as an example Hongkong might follow. Mauritius pays a military contribution of 5½ per cent. of its annual revenue plus £35,000 from the Colonial Treasury to the military authorities in lieu of Customs rebate. Hongkong pays 20 per cent. In other words Mauritius pays in all about £28,000 annually, while Hongkong pays about £125,000. Mauritius comprises an area of 705 square miles; the total area of Hongkong and the New Territory is 300 square miles. In population there is no great difference, and the strength of the garrison in Mauritius is about equal to that of Hongkong. Finally, the revenue of Hongkong is a little over four million dollars; while the revenue of Mauritius is twice that amount (a little over ten million rupees). Yet the Government exacts from Hongkong a military contribution of 20 per cent. and is satisfied with 5½ per cent. from Mauritius. If financial difficulties in Mauritius are deemed to justify an application to the Imperial Government for a remission of a military contribution which does not exceed 5½ per cent. of the revenue, we may well ask, in the circumstances, for the disproportionate military contribution exacted from this Colony to be reduced to an extent corresponding to the drop in the opium revenue which compliance with the Imperial Government's instructions will entail. On what grounds is a contribution of 20 per cent. demanded from Hongkong when only 5½ per cent. is paid by Mauritius? We see no sufficient reason for this enormous difference.

The German Mail of the 24th Sept. was delivered in London on the 22nd inst.

Mr. T. Haynes, the American Consul General, Singapore, has received an intimation that the United States battleship fleet will not stop in Singapore on its homeward journey.

At the Marine Court, yesterday, Etienne Bionnais, master of the steamer "Charles Hardoin" was charged with discharging cargo without a permit. His Worship remanded the case.

Three men arrested in connection with the murder of a coolie at the Peak on Thursday were brought before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's Court yesterday and remanded till Thursday.

When the Maseo steamer "Sai An" arrived in port on Thursday her captain reported that, shortly after leaving Maseo, a passenger, an unknown Chinaman, jumped overboard and was drowned.

Readers are reminded that the gymnastics of the Volunteer Troop and the Gymkhana Club takes place on the polo ground at Causeway Bay this afternoon, the first event on the elaborate programme starting at three o'clock.

Inspector Langley proceeded against Mr. Gibson of the Quarry Bay shipyard at the Magistrate's Court yesterday for removing sand from the foreshore. Mr. Gibson's permit had expired, and Mr. Kemp imposed a nominal fine of \$1.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz in the Supreme Court yesterday the Colonial Treasurer proceeded against a number of Chinese to recover amounts due for Crown rent. The claims totalled \$1,371.4, and judgment for this amount was entered against the various defendants.

Captain R. S. Bainbridge of the steamer "Hong Moh" who was charged at Singapore with having used his vessel for the purpose of importing opium was acquitted on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence against the defendant.

Consul H. B. Layard, of Honolulu, is expected in Manila this month to assume the duties of British Consul General at that port. Vice Mr. W. J. Kenny, retired. Since the retirement of the Consul-General the office in Manila has been in charge of the vice-consul, Mr. Hugh Horne.

Our Peking Chinese contemporary states that a foreigner recently when galloping near the Chien Men knocked over an old Chinese woman. Unfortunately the pony stepped upon her throat and she was killed. "The foreigner attempted to get away but was captured by the police and after a struggle was taken to the Central station."

The Wei Wu Pa has presented a memorial to the Throne on behalf of the Chinese Commissioner investigating Constitutional Law in Great Britain, H. E. Wang Ta Shih, enclosing a set of books on English Constitutional Law translated into Chinese. An Edict has been issued commanding that the books shall be sent to the Constitutional Bureau.

An inquiry was held at the Magistrate's Court yesterday into the circumstances of the death of a Chinaman who died in goal on Thursday. Mr. Kemp, sitting as coroner, conducted the inquiry and the jurors were Messrs F. K. Tat, W. Helms and H. Bramley. After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

An American named Robert John Mansfield was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Kemp to six weeks' imprisonment for obtaining money by false pretences from Mr. Whitaker, of the Praya East Hotel. Defendant had asked complainant for work, and, on Mr. Whitaker agreeing to employ him as bar tender, he asked for \$24 wherewith to redeem his clothing which was detained at a certain house for debt. He failed to return and it was found he had no clothes to be redeemed.

Grand Councillor Yuan Shih-kai at one of the recent conferences urged that lotteries should be prohibited, as gambling at the very best, notwithstanding the fact that the promoters generally pay a certain royalty to the imperial exchequer, is always a source of evil. The majority of his colleagues endorsed his views, and it has been decided that the Viceroy and the Governor should be first consulted before the Government issues any definite instructions.

To commemorate the birthday of the Empress Dowager among sailors of the American Fleet an interesting souvenir has been designed and completed by Shanghai workmanship, says the Mercury. It takes the form of a fan, on one side of which is a print of the Nan Pu Temple at Amoy, and on the other representations of the Chinese and American flags. On this side is also printed the menu of a Chinese dinner with which the men are to be entertained, commencing with bird's nest soup, and going through a list of over half a dozen Chinese delicacies. It is intended that 5,000 men will sit down to the dinner, and each will receive a fan.

Dr. Sven Hedin who is now on his way to Hongkong is going home via Siberia. He will proceed first to Stockholm where he will give his first lecture, and he will next proceed to London to lecture before the Royal Geographical Society. The explorer had a very touching farewell with his six Ladakhi servants who accompanied him to Simla. They wept copiously when the moment came for saying goodbye. Dr. Sven Hedin presented them with the remaining animals of his caravan, weapons, tents and camp equipment which was of any service, and the Ladakhis return to their own country comparatively rich men.

Three men attempted to steal a rope valued \$70 from a lighter lying off Yamnait on Thursday night. Two got on board the lighter and the third remained on the boat and pulled in the rope as the others paid it out. The noise roused the people on board the lighter, and the two intruders leaped into the sea. Their confederate in the boat deserted them, pulling off by himself, and the two men were arrested by the lighter people who put off in a boat. Their plea, when brought before the Magistrate yesterday, was that they were fishing from the lighter, but Mr. Kemp sentenced them to two months' imprisonment each.

Dr. Dominador Gomez has been sentenced to pay a fine of two thousand pesos and costs and imprisonment in case of insolvency, at Manila for having in his possession a large quantity of morphine. One of his confederates, Estanislao Carballo, was sentenced to pay a fine of P500 on the same charge and the others charged with like offences were acquitted. The other charges against Gomez and his confederates were dismissed for lack of sufficient proof on the part of the Government that an illegal use was made of the morphine found in possession of the accused. Dr. Gomez at once gave notice of appeal from the decision to the Supreme Court.

A CHINESE MURDER TRIAL.

TORTURING A WITNESS.

About the middle of the 5th moon last year Chan Po, nephew of a porter in the service of a wealthy family at Canton, surnamed Kam, brutally murdered the head cook of the house with a chopper in the kitchen on account of a paltry debt. The case was tried by Lau Hing Tong, the previous Poon Yu Magistrate and was previously closed. Chan Po made a confession at the trial that he had murdered Mong Tsoi with a chopper because the deceased refused to pay a debt due to him. The Magistrate sentenced Chan Po to be put to death for the crime and released his uncle Cau Hung.

A peculiarity of the Chinese law is that, notwithstanding sentence of death has been passed on a criminal, the magistrate, before the condemned man is taken to the Execution Ground to be beheaded, must ask him if he still adheres to his confession of the crime. If the prisoner retracts what he has said before, and refuses to sign his confession, the Magistrate will have to re-try the case, and the sentence then passed is final.

Recently Magistrate Lau Hing Tong was transferred to another position and Chau Yip Hau was appointed Poon Yu Magistrate. A few days ago Magistrate Chau received orders to despatch Chan Po, and when the prisoner was interrogated by the Magistrate regarding his confession of the crime, and asked to sign the confession, he refused and made the following statement, viz: That Kam's No 6 concubine, Chan Sze, had seduced the death of the head coolie, Wong Tsoi, because she wanted to place her brother in Wong Tsoi's position. She had verbally promised Chan Hing a sum of \$3,000 if he would devise means to murder Wong Tsoi, as he was to get rid of him. His uncle Chu Hung had requested him to murder Wong Tsoi, so the Magistrate immediately summoned Chan Hung to appear before the Court and he also made a totally different statement from what he had made before. He deposed that Chan Sze was his sweetheart and that Wong Tsoi was the only person who knew of the intrigue and she offered him \$3,000 to murder the cook.

The Wei Yuen who tried the case asked why the woman should give \$3,000 to secure a cook's position for her brother? He did not believe this, nor the sweetheart story, the cook Wong Tsoi being an old man of 60 years. It was not likely that a young woman would fall in love with a man of that age. Besides nobody would be so foolish as to commit such a serious crime as murder in her own house. The following day Chan Sze appeared at the Court to give evidence and another Wei Yuen was deputed by the Magistrate to try the case. She deposed that the statements made by the prisoner and the porter were untrue, and cried in the Court, The Wei Yuen said he did not believe what she said and ordered her to be tortured. Her mouth was so badly beaten that she could hardly speak. The Wei Yuen then adjourned the case and ordered her to be imprisoned.

SIAM COMMERCIAL BANK.

BIG INCREASE IN NEW PROFITS OF PAST HALF-YEAR.

The following is the half-yearly report of the Board of Directors of the Commercial Bank, Limited, to be presented at the fourth general meeting held at the company's office on Tuesday, the 20th inst.

The net profits for the half-year ended September 30 (including Tax 9,234.15 brought forward from last account) amount to Ticals 208,414.10, against Ticals 183,511.49 for the preceding half-year.

We propose, besides the statutory addition to the ordinary reserve fund of Ticals 19,919 to add Ticals 71,000 to the extraordinary reserve fund and to pay a dividend of 3 per cent. absorbing Ticals 9,000.

Ticals 12,235.55 were applied as remuneration for the Board of Directors, and Ticals 5,727 as bonus for the staff, leaving a balance of Ticals 12,554.55 to be carried to the next account.

The extraordinary scarcity of money during the past few months has unfavourably affected trade in general, and we therefore thought it advisable considerably to reduce our loan and overdraft accounts. If appears, however, that money is now becoming more plentiful and trade recovering.

Notwithstanding the unfavourable condition of the market, our business has shown steady progress. The turn-over during the half-year was Ticals 148,838,227.85, against Ticals 95,314,985.33 of the preceding half-year.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

LONDON, October 21st.

The Turkish delegates, who have left Sofia, have concluded the basis of an agreement with Bulgaria.

The two Bulgarian delegates at Constantinople have visited the Grand Vizier and Foreign Minister, and have discussed with them the terms of a settlement.

LATVIA.

Turkey has abandoned her opposition to the proposed European conference, which she now regards as indispensable, and is sending a circular note to the powers enumerating Turkish claims.

GERMANY.

LONDON, October 21st.

H. I. M. the Kaiser, at the opening of the Diet, announced the introduction of a bill increasing civil salaries by ten million sterling per annum, necessitating increased taxation on property and large incomes.

THE TONGSHAN ENGINEERING COLLEGE.

LONDON, October 21st.

Sir Edward Grey, in reply to Mr. W. Mitchell-Thomson, Conservative member for Lanarkshire, said that Sir John Jordan, British Minister at Peking, was intervening on behalf of the dismissed English principal of the Tongshan Engineering College, on the ground that six months' notice is usual, and that the matter was still under consideration.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

LONDON, October 21st.

The London Times rejoices at the interchange of messages between President Roosevelt and the Mikado, and welcomes the good understanding of our Japanese allies and our American friends as a fresh indication that peace is unlikely to be disturbed by a calamitous and senseless conflict between two nations possessing many noble qualities, and each with something to learn from the other.

THE AMERICAN TREASURY.

Washington, October 17th.

The financial situation of the Government is reported to be very grave. The Treasury deficit is growing instead of becoming smaller. The President has addressed a circular letter to the heads of all government departments directing them to hold their estimates of the expenses of their departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910 to the minimum. The preparation of the estimates is now going on in all the departments.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AS AN EDITOR.

New York, October 19.

In magazine circles here it is reported that President Roosevelt will accept the editorship of "The Outlook" when he returns from South Africa. His plans are to transform the noted weekly into a powerful political, economic and moral organ, following the same lines laid down by Dr. Lyman Abbott, the present and long time editor, but changing aside to a large degree the conservatism which has marked "The Outlook."

Roosevelt is said to have received flattering offers from three of the leading magazines, and to have been offered particularly the direction of McClure's, Everybody's and Leslie's Weekly at an immense salary and a share of the profits.

TROUBLE AHEAD IN THIBET.

The former Chinese Resident in Thibet, H. E. Lien Yu has forwarded a memorial to the Throne stating that the Tibetans are strongly opposed to the idea of converting Thibet into a province of the Empire. They are preparing to resist every measure which H. E. Chao Shih fang, the new Chinese Amban will propose to that end and it is feared they will raise trouble in connection with the matter so as to return to Thibet without delay for the purpose of preserving the peace there.—Chinese Public Opinion.

WEDDING PRESENTS.

We see that, at a recent wedding at Kingston, there were no presents, "by request." We hope this is to be the beginning of a new era, when the custom is now so bad as the tipping nuisance. Like all customs of its kind it has grown too much of a tax. One does not object to parting with a double or two to show one's affection for an intimate friend on his or her wedding-day, but nowadays everybody who has the slightest acquaintance with one expects a gift. Comparative strangers in India invite one to their daughter's wedding at Simla or Quetta, or somewhere equally get-at-able, and then—without the slightest congruity—waiting for the present. More misery is caused by the wedding present convention than by almost any of the lesser evils of life. Apart from the expense of it, there is the worry. However much a man may disapprove of the practice of giving wedding presents, he probably wants to do the thing well. The things he would like to give he knows a dozen other people will have chosen. His artistic and literary tastes are something like a blind man's, and effective, at about ten shillings, looking as if it had cost five pounds. That is why so many men one meets in the streets have the Worried Look and the Glassy Stare.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DR. SVEN HEDIN.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

SIR,—I am sure that most of the local residents were interested in the news in Reuter's wire of the 18th inst., announcing that this eminent explorer left India for his port en route for Japan and Europe.

The Times weekly edition received by the last mail contained a lengthy telegram from the Times Simla correspondent giving a graphic and interesting account of Dr. Sven Hedin's recent adventures in hitherto unexplored regions in Tibet.

I am writing this, Sir, in the hope that the Old Volume Society, or perhaps some other public body, would approach the Doctor, during his stay here, to give a lecture which, I feel confident, would attract, and be much appreciated by, a large number of the public. H.E. the Governor will, no doubt, be pleased to preside.—I am, Sir,

HIMALAYA.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

THE NORTH RIVER FLOOD

A GREAT CALAMITY.

The Canton Press is full of heart-rending reports about the disastrous North River Flood. It is reported that in the Hoi Ping District alone over 30,000 houses have collapsed and the number of families who are starving and homeless, together with the number of lives lost is something astounding. The serious calamities caused by this flood on this occasion surpass in their magnitude those of the last flood. It is said that several walled cities in the Shui Hing Prefecture, which stood on a high elevation, are inundated with from 10 to 20 feet of water.

A few days ago Fung Ping King, Magistrate at Hoi Ping City, telegraphed to the Viceroy stating that investigation made by him went to show that over 20,000 houses in the Hoi Ping District have been demolished and that the loss of life is very considerable. Words cannot describe the shocking aspect and condition of things in the district. At present immediate relief is absolutely necessary. All local schemes, funds, and efforts to render assistance to the distressed people have been exhausted. The Magistrates earnestly beg His Excellency the Viceroy to forward funds to him to alleviate the sufferings of the people.

Viceroy Chung on receipt of the telegram at once gave instructions to the Directors of the different Bureaus to dispatch deputies posthaste to the stricken districts to investigate the situation there. Yesterday the Viceroy received reports from the deputies corroborating the statements made by the local Magistrate whereupon His Excellency immediately gave orders to the Provincial Treasurer and the Bureau of Local Affairs to dispatch officers with funds to Hoi Ping to relieve the suffering. The Viceroy also sent dispatches to the Flood Relief Society and the Self Government Association requesting the directors of these institutions to send members of the gentry provided with money and rice to Hoi Ping without delay, to render assistance.

The Directors of the Chamber of Commerce sent a memorial to the Viceroy on the 20th inst., stating that they had received letters and telegrams from the following distressed districts asking for immediate further relief and assistance viz.—Shan Hing, Yan Ping, Ko Yaw, Ko Ming, Hoi Ping Sunning, Sun Wai Cheong Sta and Tik Hoi. The petitioners stated that they had already sent many members of the gentry with rice and money to the districts most affected by the flood and added that the people in the Tik Hoi and Cheong Sha districts had reported to them that robbery is rife and that chaos reigns in these two districts. The Viceroy is requested to send troops to maintain order.

CHARTERED BANK'S NEW BUILDING IN CALCUTTA.

The new premises of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, in Clive Street, were opened on Tuesday afternoon and Mr. W. E. Preston, the Agent, was busy from half past four to six in welcoming the many guests for the commercial houses of Calcutta who had been invited to see the new building. The building, which is a four storeyed one, is quite the finest business house in Calcutta and has been a familiar sight in Clive Street during the past few months. There are two electric lifts, one to the offices and the other to the private quarters. It is interesting to note that the height of the West tower is 152 feet, from which the finest view of Calcutta may be obtained. The Manager's spacious quarters are on the top story.—Asian, October 2nd.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 23rd at 11.50 a.m.—The barometer has fallen over China owing to the advance Eastwards of a depression along the Yangtze Valley.

Pressure has decreased also over E. Japan and the Philippines. The fall over the latter area, appears to be due to the existence of a depression to the Eastward of the S. part of the Archipelago.

The highest pressure is over the Sea of Japan.

Moderate E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel and moderate to fresh S.W. breeze over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.60 inches

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

E. winds, moderate; Hongkong & Neighbourhood, drizzle to light rain.

Formosa Channel ... Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between ... Same as No. 1.

Hongkong and Lameoek ... Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between ... Same as No. 1.

Hongkong and Hainan ... Same as No. 1.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

The following have been selected to represent the Club in the match against the 105th Mahratta Light Infantry to-day, commencing at 2 p.m.:

Messrs. R. Hancock, H. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, H. B. Makin, E. A. Fowler, A. R. Dushwood, E. H. Hinds, C. T. Heath, E. Irving, J. H. Chalmers and A. J. Othman.

CRICKET. This league match will take place at the Happy Valley (Naval Ground) to-day at 2.15 p.m. The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club:—L. E. Lammer (Capt.), C. A. Hancock, R. Bass, A. O. Brown, R. Pestonji, H. L. Manderson, G. Evans, M. E. Anger, L. A. Rose, F. H. Kew, R. Phillips.

KOWLOON V. POLICE.

The league match which was to have been played between these teams this afternoon, has been postponed until a later date.

A friendly match will be played to-day.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Club.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.	Per cent.
Royal Engineers	1	1	0	0	1	100
Craigengower	1	0	1	0	0	0
A win counts 1 point.						
A loss counts 0 point.						
A draw counts 0 point.						

FOOTBALL.

THE SIX-ARMED COMPETITION.

In the six-armed competition between members of the Hongkong Football Club the results to date are as follows:—Williams' team beat Weston's team; Turner's team beat Hall's; Williams' team beat Garrett's; Weston's team beat Hall's. The following teams were: Kow's and Turner's; Williams' and Kow's; Turner's and Weston's; Hall's and Garrett's.

Yesterday's results were Williams' beat Hall's 2-0; and Kow's beat Garrett's 2-1.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

The twenty-seventh ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd. was held at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., at noon yesterday. Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson presided, and there were also present: Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. H. P. White, E. Shalim (consulting committee), L. N. Loef (secretary), H. Percy Smith, Ho Fook, Lo Chung Shin, Chan San, Ho U Sang, P. Nalin, D. D. Gasdar and F. J. V. Ribeiro, representing 1522 shares.

The SECRETARY read the notice calling the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, The report and accounts have been in your hands for some days and I will, therefore, with your permission, take them as read. The General Agents and Consulting Committee much regret having to present to you a report which necessitates a reduction in the dividend, but those of you who have been observing the published accounts of the marine insurance companies whose head offices are at home will be conscious of the bad results which have attended underwriting in 1906 and last year. It was shown in an article published in "Fairplay" in the early part of this year that the combined results of ten leading companies had in 1905 and 1906 resulted in a trading loss. We derive a large proportion of our income from our London agency, and in common with our competitors, our experience there has been bad. Last year my predecessor alluded to the difficulty, I might say impossibility, of correctly estimating at this period, what the final outcome of the year will be, and I regret to say that 1906 ran off less well than we had hoped. Losses in 1907 have been heavy and we cannot in the light of our experience of the preceding year, especially with no marked improvement in conditions, fail to make very full and ample provision for uncertainties at this date, and this accounts for the recommendation of the Board that so large a sum as \$352,671 be carried to Underwriting Suspense Account. I am glad to say that 1908, so far, is going better than its predecessor, but it is early days to speak of it yet. The business responsible for the bad results already alluded to has received, and is receiving, our anxious consideration, and I trust that the steps we are taking to produce a better result will be in evidence in our figures next year. Our investments have undergone little change since our last meeting. The state of the local property market has not improved, but our surveys have been able to give us a satisfactory report on our mortgages, and our gold securities are worth considerably more than the sum at which they stand in our books. Turning to the liabilities, you will find that the Reinsurance Fund has slightly but satisfactorily progressed. The Underwriting Suspense Account stands reduced by the claims of 1906 and previous years and Accounts Payable are \$50,499 more than last year. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be glad to answer any questions that shareholders may desire to put.

No questions were asked, and the report was adopted on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. WHITE.

Mr. NALIN moved the resolution of Sir Paul Chater and Messrs. F. MacLennan, G. C. Moxon, E. Shalim and H. P. White to the Consulting Committee.

Mr. CHAN seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Messrs. W. Hutton Fells and H. Percy Smith were re-elected auditors on the motion of Mr. CHAN, seconded by Mr. HO FOK.

The CHAIRMAN—Dividend warrants will be posted early to-morrow morning, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance.

THE CHOLERA TRAIL.

THE OUTBREAK IN RUSSIA.

London, September 23rd.—Upwards of 400 fresh cases of cholera and about 150 deaths occur daily in St. Petersburg. The President, M. Stolypin, supports a drainage scheme for the metropolis at a cost of \$2,000,000. Moscow's immunity from the scourge is attributed to a good sewerage system and a good water supply.

The outbreak of cholera at Odessa caused a panic owing to the reticence of the authorities. London, September 24th.—The serious increase of cholera cases in St. Petersburg is largely due to the grave-diggers' strike. The people insist upon accompanying the dead bodies of their friends to the grave, and sometimes throwing their arms around the coffins. The highwaymen have been secured to obtain grave-diggers. The military will not allow the soldiers to undertake the work of burying the dead.

London, September 25th.—The superstition of the populace and the expulsion of the doctors from the Government of Krasnodar, in Eastern Russia, have caused fearful mortality from cholera in the district.

London, September 26th.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Peshawar, in the Caucasus, declares that 3000 corpses waited interment in the local cemetery yesterday.

FOUR ROUTES BY WHICH THE DISEASE TRAVELS TO EUROPE.

The remarkable manner in which outbreaks of cholera, generally originating in India, spread to Europe by four clearly-defined routes, causing disastrous epidemics in Western countries, was explained yesterday by Dr. Herbert Williams, Medical Officer of Health for the Port of London, in an interview with "Express" representative.

"Religious assemblies," he said, "are a prolific cause of epidemics of infectious disease, and India is a country of such gatherings. 'India is essentially the home of cholera, which advances along the main lines of human communication—caravan routes, navigable rivers, sea routes, and railways. In this way epidemics have occurred in other countries, following the congregation and subsequent dispersal of pilgrims, such as happened after the great 'Harvar' fair, and also after pilgrimages to Mecca."

"The following are the four cholera routes:—

Central Asiatic, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, North Persian.

"This Central Asiatic route is through Kabul, Bokhara, Khiva, to Orenburg, in European Russia; the North Persian route is by Kabul, Tehran, thence by the Caspian Sea to Astrakhan, and up the Volga; the Persian Gulf route passes through Baghdad, the Euphrates, and thence to Aleppo, and the Red Sea route goes from India by the Red Sea, the Suez Canal, and the Mediterranean."

"It is noticeable that, when cholera spreads from India to Europe, it is through Russia. The great epidemic of 1829-30 advanced from India by the Central Asiatic and the North Persian routes, up the Volga to Saratov and Krasnodar. It reached England by vessels from Riga, and spread over Europe and the greater part of America."

"Several fatal cases occurred in London as the result of the great outbreak which spread from India by the Persian Gulf route in 1846. Three years later there was a terrible re-occurrence of this outbreak all over Europe and America."

"In England 119 places were invaded, and the mortality at Hull was at the rate of 241 per 10,000 of the population. The great epidemic of 1863 in India and among the pilgrims at Mecca in 1865 spread to England by way of Alexandria."

"The construction of the new Hadj railway will undoubtedly help to spread cholera. It is to carry pilgrims from Turkey to Mecca, and as it facilitates the pilgrimages, it will bring the people back more quickly."

"I would like to add," Dr. Williams said, "that, in view of the precautionary measures taken in London and the rest of the country, the importation of the present outbreak is not very likely."—D. Express, September 17th.

THE NEW POLICY IN INDO-CHINA.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL INTERVIEWED.

First hand information about the policy and intentions of M. Klobukowski, the Governor-General of Indo-China, is given by a representative of the Saigon Opinion who interviewed him on board the mail steamer. M. Klobukowski, naturally, did not open his mind very freely, but he gave an outline of the reforms intended to be carried out upon the instructions of the Minister for the Colonies. In the first place, a decentralization policy will be taken in hand in the different regions of Indo-China. Thus, Cochinchina, Annam, Tonkin, Cambodia and Laos will be granted greater powers of local self-government, especially in fiscal matters.

These countries form a whole, under the name of Indo-China, with a high central authority to administer the Federation. The local authorities and Estates will be allowed greater freedom of action, but they must bear all the responsibility. This new departure means a reversal of the policy followed by successive Governors-General during the last ten years, who all aimed at centralising the administration. Another reversal of established policy favoured by M. Klobukowski is that, in future, officials who come fresh from France will not be allowed to hold permanent posts until they have gained a knowledge of the country and people by being stationed about fifteen months in the interior, after which they will be required to pass an examination. M. Klobukowski praised the British Colonial system, which insisted upon officials knowing the vernacular, but said that he would not go so far as to ship back to France those cadets who failed to pass. He laid stress on the point that in this matter he and the Colonial Minister saw eye to eye.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

LATEST STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. str. Somali left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst. at 5 p.m. The C.R. str. Empress of Japan arrived Nagasaki at 4 p.m. on Tuesday the 22nd inst., and left again at 9 p.m. same day for Shanghai where she is due to arrive at 4 a.m. on Monday the 23rd inst.

The N.Y.K. str. Hieiichi Maru (European Line) left Shanghai on the 23rd inst., and is expected here on the 26th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. Wakasa Maru (European Line) left Singapore on the 23rd inst., and is expected here on the 26th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. Lashio Maru (European Line) left this port via the Straits on 14th inst., and may be expected here on or about 30th inst.

The H.A. Line Sidihamia left Singapore on 23rd inst., and may be expected here on 30th inst. at a.m.

The N.Y.K. str. Yokohi Maru (Bomby Line) left Bombay for this port via Colombo and Singapore on the 22nd inst., and is expected here on the 17th prox.

Messrs. James Gardner and Co., of Glasgow, have ordered from Clyde shipbuilding firms three 7,000-ton steamers for service in the Eastern, Australian, and American trades.

A NEW STEAMER LINE. It is reported that negotiations are taking place with a view to the establishment of a new line of steamers between Calcutta and the ports of North America. The firms spoken of as likely to bring about the arrangement are Messrs. J. & G. Harrison, Limited, and Messrs. J. & W. Watts & Company. The new line would run in opposition to the Buckland Line, already plying between Calcutta and the Atlantic ports of North America.

PAKISTAN'S SHIPBUILDING COMPANY. For the year ended June 30th the result, after payment of debenture and loan interest amounting to £10,258, is a loss of £28,631. The balance of profit undivided at June 30th, 1907, was £15,855, and an interim dividend of 2 per cent on the preference shares was paid in March last, amounting to £24,080, leaving £9,944. Deducting there is a debit balance of £17,727. This unfavourable result is due to trade depression and labour disputes. In addition, the company suffered from a strike at its blast furnaces, which extended over a period of four months, involving the damping down of 1/2 of a whole of the furnaces and consequent diminished production at the steel works.

The effect of these strikes has been to paralyse the company's business in the shipbuilding and engineering trades, and in an unsatisfactory condition. The labour disputes still continue, and have delayed the delivery and added to the cost of the work in hand, while new orders for ships and steel material are scarce and difficult to secure at paying prices.

THE BELFAST YARDS. There is great satisfaction in Belfast at the prospect of assured work for a considerable period given by the building of the two mammoth White Star liners. It is estimated that at least £2,000,000 will be spent in wages in Belfast. Twelve thousand men are employed in Messrs. Harland and Wolff's yards, the wages bill reaching £18,000 a week. A part from any other orders, the outlay on the two new liners represents the wages bill for two years. While all records will be beaten by the enormous tonnage of 60,000 of the "Olympic" and "Titanic," Lord Pirrie, the head of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, believes there is no limit to the size of ship that can be built, except that imposed by the accommodation in shipbuilding yards and docks. "The next move," he says, "lies with the dock authorities. It is no use building ships too large for any dock to hold, but if the docks are enlarged there is no reason why the ships should not be further enlarged also."

FOOTBALL AT HOME. OPENING OF THE SEASON. It is not surprising, says a Home contemporary to learn that Scottish professional footballers are thinking deeply about the proposal of the Scottish League to prohibit players from receiving any part of the transfer fee. In England, of course, the performer does not benefit very considerably by his sale and purchase. Under the laws of the Football Association, a player cannot be given more than £10 as bonus when he changes hands, no matter how large the sum for which he has been sold. In Scotland, there are no restrictions in the business. Clubs can pay whatever they like in whole or part of any transfer fee.

It is probably the latter fact that induces many Scottish professionals to join English teams. If they can get £23,000 clear out of the transfer they are prepared to accept £24 per week south of the border (the legal limit which, people do say, has been exceeded) as against £5 in their own country. Besides, they can very often arrange to get back again at the end of the season.

George Livingstone, who played for Scotland against England on several occasions, had a nice little arrangement whereby he could pay himself £10,000 a season by joining a club in England. English organisations were glad to get so clever a player, and the result was that he went from Heart of Midlothian to Sunderland, Sunderland to Celtic, Celtic to Liverpool, Liverpool to Manchester City, and Manchester City back to Celtic. There were some fat transfer fees in connection with these changes.

Nowadays, of course, the F. A. law is strict and a man cannot roam from club to club without very good reason. If he employs a man, and he is prepared to pay him, he must show that he has the greatest justification for desiring a new home. Still, the Scottish professionals remain free, and they do not see why, when the arises a chance of their making a substantial sum out of a transfer to an English club, the Scottish League should seek to stand in their way. The latter, for their part, are content to believe that self-preservation is the first law of nature. They do not want their best men to go south for mere money.

What will happen about the attempts of the weather English organisation to obtain absolute freedom in the matter of wage-paying and house-giving I do not know. It is against this party that they constitute the minority. That is where they are very severely handicapped. If twenty of them could be induced to join in the movement, it would certainly be a success, but I doubt whether there are twenty that would do it.

As the game, says, Now is the time, until the F. A. sent out its letter telling the clubs that all past sins would be forgiven if a promise were forthcoming that the laws on the question of payment would never again be broken, and proposing that a breach of this law should be punished by permanent expulsion. This was something about which the wealthy clubs needed to think seriously. It was all very well to have laws that one need not mindfully trouble to read; but a promise of the kind required, with the extreme penalty of the law looming in the background, is no small matter. And so that clubs are still pondering.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM OCEAN PAPER.]

MR. SMUTS URGES DUTCH AND ENGLISH RECONCILIATION.

London, October 6th. At a meeting of the Het Volk at Johannesburg last night Mr. Smuts urged that the Convention at Durban, which meets on the 12th instant, would afford an opportunity for the most conclusive settlement between the British and Dutch. It should mean equal rights and a new start, with neither race handicapped. South Africa, he declared, must become one united country.

M. CLEMENCEAU ON THE FREEDOM OF TREATIES.

London, October 8th. M. Clemenceau, in a speech denouncing anti-militarism, pointed to the violation of the 1919 guarantee afforded by treaties against the return of forcible aggression, and emphasised the necessity of military power. France, he said, would do her utmost to consolidate conflicting interests, and would extend vigorous sympathy to people striving for free institutions.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW CAPITAL.

London, October 8th. The Commonwealth House of Representatives in the final ballot selected Canberra as the capital, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

COAL FIELDS IN BALUCHISTAN.

Calcutta, October 8th. A syndicate has been formed and has applied to Government for leases to work coalfields in British Baluchistan.

NEW ZEALAND FOR TIME-EXPIRED SOLDIERS.

London, October 7th. New Zealand has arranged with the Imperial Government to give military and civil officers and men who have served their term in India the option of a free passage to New Zealand instead of to Great Britain.

THE UNEMPLOYED QUESTION.

London, October 8th. Mr. Asquith, speaking at Brixton, Berwick, said the aim of the Government was to prevent rather than palliate unemployment. He emphasised the importance of hard and temperate reform in connection with the problem, and said the object of the Government was not to put Socialist legislation.

THE INDIAN TRAIN MURDER.

Calcutta, October 8th. The trial of Mullins and Shindhan for the murder of Miss Taylor on the Malabar train has opened.

Mullins has made a confession. He says that he entered the girl's compartment and carried her. Then Shindhan cut her throat with a sharp knife. They rifled her boxes containing her wedding presents and returned to Calcutta, they hid the jewellery in a window seat, meaning to recover it later.

A TALE OF THE SEA.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER ON VERGE OF STARVATION. A story that was brought to Shanghai by the passengers of the steamer "Kingsing," which reached Shanghai last week, states that the life of a keeper of a lighthouse on the China coast is not a bed of roses by any means.

According to the story told to a representative of the "Shanghai Times," at about 4 a.m. on the morning of the 14th, while the "Kingsing" was proceeding down the coast, and opposite the island of Shawishan, on which is a lighthouse, signals of distress were observed from that establishment. The ship was slowed down and when the signals were repeated she turned in toward the island and attempted to send a boat ashore; such a very heavy sea was running at the time that the "Kingsing" had great difficulty in once approaching the island, and it required a great deal of time and manœuvring to get close enough to attempt to communicate. But after a while the boat was finally got off, manned by four Chinese and a foreign officer, and its crew landed on the island, and here they learned the reason why they had been signalled. The lighthouse-keeper stated that he and those along with him, some 8 or 10 in number, were entirely without food, and on the verge of starvation. He said also, they had not had any communication with the mainland for 54 days. It was quite clear to the landing party that the island party were suffering from lack of nourishment; and as quickly as the boat could return to the ship and report the nature of the trouble, a boatload of supplies were sent to the island. The boat was then reloaded on board and the "Kingsing" proceeded on her way to this port.

FOREIGNERS IN CHINA.

OVER-SEAULOUS INTERPRETATION OF GOVERNMENT ORDER. We learn from Chinese Public Opinion that the order from the Throne objecting to the mapping and surveying of the country by foreigners has had an extremely unpleasant effect upon the ordinary foreigner holiday maintainers in the Chengtu district. Certain of the officials interpreting it in an altogether excessive manner and are attempting to drive foreigners out of all such resorts, temples and other places which they have hitherto put up at in the mountains being closed to them, and the owners being ordered, with threats of dire penalties in case of non-compliance, to refuse to house accommodation to the foreigners. This situation has been caused by the exceedingly gratuitous dictations of the Imperial Rescript published in the Chinese press. "We hear much of the issuance of Press laws for China," says our contemporary, "and these are undoubtedly a necessity, but the primary desideratum is an examination to prove the competence of the editorial staff of most native journals, not from a literary standpoint only but as having sufficient knowledge and common sense to guide aright the populace who read their journals. The irresponsible pro-Press in the Chengtu district led to a decision being taken by the populace of Kansu that on the 26th day of the 7th moon all foreigners were to be killed. This has, however, been frustrated, though a feeling of unrest still prevails and all sorts of anti-foreign rumours circulate in the tea-shops."

BRITISH POLITICS.

EFFECT OF THE NEWCASTLE BY-ELECTION.

London, September 28th.—The Newcastle by-election, which was won by the Conservatives, has had an inspiring effect on the Stock Exchange.

Mr. Benwick, the successful candidate, attributes his victory to a belief that tariff reform will do much to relieve the existing want of employment.

Mr. Shackleton declares that his defeat was due to the Licensing Bill and the general trade depression.

THE LICENSING BILL.

MONSTER HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION IN LONDON. The Daily Express states that the Marquis of Lansdowne has, in connection with his Conservative colleagues, decided that the Licensing Bill shall not pass the House of Lords.

London, September 28th.—A quarter of a million persons took part in a demonstration against the Licensing Bill in Hyde Park yesterday. Seventy thousand provincial ex-couriers arrived by 170 special trains, all parts of the kingdom participating. Fifteen processions marched to the Park, carrying banners and accompanied by a band of brass bands. From 20 platforms 21 speakers, including Mr. J. H. Chamberlain, Mr. H. H. Marks, and Mr. H. Staveley-Hill, Conservative M.P.s, denounced the measure.

Amid tremendous applause a resolution was carried protesting that the Bill would increase intemperance, violate the rights of property, and interfere with the reasonable liberty of the community.

The brewing interests secured for the ex-couriers a special cheap fare by guaranteeing the railways against loss.

The Times states that the demonstration was a remarkable example of skilful organisation, but the great majority of those present protested against the Bill in perfect seriousness.

The Daily News declares that the processions were chiefly free-trippers, poor hingsels, and victims of drink.

NOTICE.

Communications respecting Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, Binding, etc., should be addressed to the Manager, and should be accompanied by the cash or order for the same. Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded. Orders for extra copies of Daily Press should be sent in before 11 a.m. on day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited. Only supplied for Cash.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

WE HEREBY BEG TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE DEBTORS OF the late Proprietors of the Comnaught House Hotel that unless they settle their Debts on or before the 31st October, 1908, their Clothing and Trunks, &c., left in the said Hotel on or before the 24th September, 1908, will be Sold by Auction or Private Sale.

LATE PROPRIETORS OF COMNAUGHT HOUSE HOTEL. Dated 24th October, 1908. 1478

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in an ACTION in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in its Summary Jurisdiction being Action No. 1482 of 1908, wherein LUNGSUR CHOW is Plaintiff and LI NAM PAN is Defendant an Order was made on the 23rd day of October, 1908, directing that Service of the WRIT of SUMMONS in the said Action be effected on the Defendant by advertisement thereof and by the Posting of Copies of the said Writ of Summons at the door of the Court House in this Colony. AND Further Take Notice that the said Action will be heard at the Supreme Court aforesaid on FRIDAY, the 30th day of October, 1908, at 10 A.M.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 1908. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER. Solicitors for the Plaintiff. 1477

ALTERATION.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SWATOW AND AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship "HAICHING". Capt. Passmore, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 25th inst., at 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 24th October, 1908. 1478

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & POOROW.

THE Company's Steamship "HAIMUN". Capt. J. W. Evans, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 27th inst., at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 24th October, 1908. 1479

FRENCH LESSONS. FRENCH TAUGHT entirely by Conversation and without translation by a Frenchman (a Teacher in Government School) and ENGLISH LESSONS by an English Lady.

Apply by letter to B. R., Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 13th November, 1908. 1371

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG. ORIGINAL JURISDICTION. Act No. 155 of 1908.

SIR FRANCIS PIGGOTT, Chief Justice. IN THE MATTER OF WILLIAM POWELL LIMITED.

IN THE MATTER OF THE Companies Ordinance 1865. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition presented to the Supreme Court of Hongkong on the 12th day of September 1908, for confirming a Special Resolution reducing the capital of the above-mentioned company from £150,000 to £105,000 is directed to be heard before his Lordship SIR FRANCIS PIGGOTT, Chief Justice, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of November 1908, at 10.30 A.M.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the reduction of the Capital of the said Company under the above Ordinance should appear at the time of hearing by himself or his counsel for that purpose. And a copy of the Petition will be furnished to any Creditor or Shareholder of the Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charges for the same.

Dated this 1st day of October, 1908. ARATHOON SETH, Registrar. MATTHEW, J. D. STEPHENS, Solicitor to the above-named Co. 1393

FOR SALE. TWO EUROPEAN LIGHTERS. Apply to SECRETARY. Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 23rd October, 1908. 1471

FOR SALE. FIVE ROOMED HOUSE, No. 115, The Peak. With possession from 1st May, 1909. Apply to H. W. SLADE. Hongkong, 13th October, 1908. 1422

CHINA EXPRESS CO., 3, DUNDRELL STREET. FOR SALE A Quantity of NETTING for TENNIS COURTS, etc., at less than half cost. GOREN-ANSON & CO. HONG KONG, 5th August, 1908. 1050

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, THIS DAY (SATURDAY), the 24th October, 1908, at Noon, when the subject of the Resolution which was passed at a Meeting held on Thursday, the 8th October will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution.

"That Article No. 54, of the Articles of Association of the Company be cancelled and the following Article substituted therefor:—'Three Members personally present shall be a quorum for an Ordinary General Meeting. For all other Meetings the quorum shall be five.'"

"That Article No. 111, of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by deleting the words 'the Governing Director or by two Directors' on the seventh line thereof and substituting the following words therefor:—'The General Managers.'"

Dated this 24th day of October, 1908. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. 1441

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD. LOST SHARE CERTIFICATES.

No. 6478—297869/297886—18 Shares in name of LI LUY.

No. 6476—298187/298252—66 Shares in name of LI MAN HING.

No. 6177—298253/298352—100 Shares in name of LI LUY and LI KIN TONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DUPLICATES of the above CERTIFICATES will be issued on the above dates, and the Original Certificates unless produced at that Office of the General Managers within that period, will be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 16th October, 1908. 1440

INTIMATIONS. NOTICE.

I have This Day RESUMED CHARGE of the Company's Affairs at this port. E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. P. O. S. N. Co. Hongkong, 18th October, 1908. 1449

DANCING! DANCING! DANCING!!! MR. J. H. PIGEON begs to announce the Public that he will RESUME his Dancing Class on the 15th inst.

For Terms and Particulars on Application to No. 6, PEDDER'S HILL. Hongkong, 18th October, 1908. 1428

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY. ST. ANDREW'S HALL, November 30th, 1908, and THREE PRACTICE DANCES.

Sootsmen desiring to subscribe to the above are requested to forward their names to the undersigned.

DAVID WOOD, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 5th October, 1908. 1399

WHAT IS THE GENERAL CRY TO DAY WITH ALL BUSINESS MEN? DEPRESSED TRADE.

THEN why not practice wise economy in your Office Establishment by purchasing your STATIONERY from the Cheapest Store in the Colony.

We are the direct importers of Stationery from the Manufacturers and sell cheaper. A trial order earnestly solicited. J. BYAMBE & CO., 40, Leadenhall Terrace. Hongkong, 18th October, 1908. 1450

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB AND HONGKONG VOLUNTEER TROOP. A GYMKHANA will be held on the Polo Ground, TO DAY (SATURDAY), the 24th October, 1908, when the above Club and the Hongkong Volunteer Troop will be AT HOME to their Friends.

The Ladies of Hongkong are cordially invited. REGINALD E. C. MASTER, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 19th October, 1908. 1451

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. VISIT OF THE UNITED STATES' FLEET TO AMOY.

If sufficient inducement offers, the Company will despatch A STEAMER DIRECT to Amoy on or about TUESDAY, 27th inst., to lay over at Amoy during the stay of the Fleet (about 7 to 8 days).

For terms inclusive of passage and living on board apply to DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 23rd October, 1908. 1469

MINISTERS CHILDREN'S LEAGUE. A BAZAAR and FANCY FETE promoted by the above will be held (by kind permission of the Commandant and Officers Hongkong Volunteer Corps) on the VOLUNTEER PARADE Ground on SATURDAY, October 31st, from 2.30 to 6 p.m.

Great attractions for young and old. Proceeds to be divided amongst various local charities for children. If you, the Bazaar will be held in the Volunteer Head Quarters. No tickets taken. Hongkong, 22nd October, 1908. 1463

WANTED. WANTED. JUNIOR CLERK. Apply to "D", Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 20th October, 1908. 1456

WANTED. Lower Levels from about 1st December, well FURNISHED HOUSE of 5 or 6 Rooms. Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS. Hongkong, 24th September, 1908. 1350

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from MR. A. N. HUIKE, to Sell by Public Auction, On TUESDAY, the 27th October, 1908, commencing 2.45 p.m., at his Residence, No. 1, Gonias Villas, Kowloon.

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising:—

PLUSH COVERED ARMCHAIRS, CHESTERFIELD COUCH, JAPANESE LACQUERED SCREEN, IRONED WITH IVORY, BRASS FENDER and FIRE BRASSES, HAND-PAINTED ENGRAVINGS, CANTON BLACKWOOD JARDINIERES, CARPETS, &c., &c. EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MOBOCCO COVERED DINING CHAIRS, TEAK SIDEBOARD with BEVELED MIRROR, FIRE SCREENS, MARBLE MANTEL CLOCK, &c., &c., and BRASS and BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES, with BEVELED MIRRORS, TEAK BUREAU with BEVELED MIRRORS, MARBLE TOP WASHSTANDS with TILED BACKS, CANTON WOOD CHEST OF DRAWERS, WAITING TABLES, TOILET SETS, &c., &c. ELECTROPLATED WARE, CROCKERY and GLASSWARE, PANTRY and KITCHEN REQUISITES.

Also One IRON SAFE, A Quantity of POTTS and PLANTS. Terms:—As Customary. On View from Monday, the 26th Oct., 1908. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 23rd October, 1908. 1472

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES. PUBLIC AUCTION.

MESSES. HUGHES & HUGH have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, On WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of October, 1908, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Central (corner of Lee House Street).

The following very VALUABLE PROPERTY situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong viz:—

All those Two Pieces or Parcels of ground situate at Victoria aforesaid and registered in the Land Office respectively as MARINE LOT No. 264 and MARINE LOT No. 265, together with the messuages thereon known as Nos. 22, 23, 24, 25 Praya Kennedy Town.

Annual Crown Rent payable in respect of Marine Lot No. 264 \$182, and in respect of Marine Lot No. 265, \$208. Area, Marine Lot No. 264, 16,351 square feet, Marine Lot No. 265, 18,895 square feet or thereabouts.

Each of the above Lots is held for the unexpired residue of the term of 999 years commencing on the 24th day of June, 1937. For further particulars and conditions of Sale apply to—

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors for the Mortgagees or to Messrs. HUGHES & HUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 11th October, 1908. 1435

TO LET.

THE NEUK NO. 94, The Peak, fully furnished Bungalow containing FIVE ROOMS, Tennis Court and Excellent Garden. Immediate possession. Apply to PERCY SMITH & SETH, No. 5, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 24th September, 1908. 1279

TO LET.

STORAGE. FOR COAL, TIMBER, &c. TO BE LET, a Portion of MARINE LOT No. 285 at NORTH POINT, suitable for above Purposes. EXTENSIVE WATER FRONT. DEEP WATER. Also FOR SALE, Portions of MARINE LOTS Nos. 31 & 32 on PRAYA EAST. Approximate AREA 65,000 SQUARE FT. 999 YEARS' LEASE. For Particulars, apply—

GEO. FENWICK & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. 184

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 54, DUNDRELL STREET. Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 1st October, 1908. 323

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 97, PRAYA EAST. Apply to—

CHATER & MODY, Victoria Buildings. Hongkong, 19th October, 1908. 1452

TO LET.

No. 52, CAINE ROAD. Apply to—

SAM WANG CO. LTD., 81, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 30th September, 1908. 1390

TO LET.

A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE KOWLOON. Apply to—

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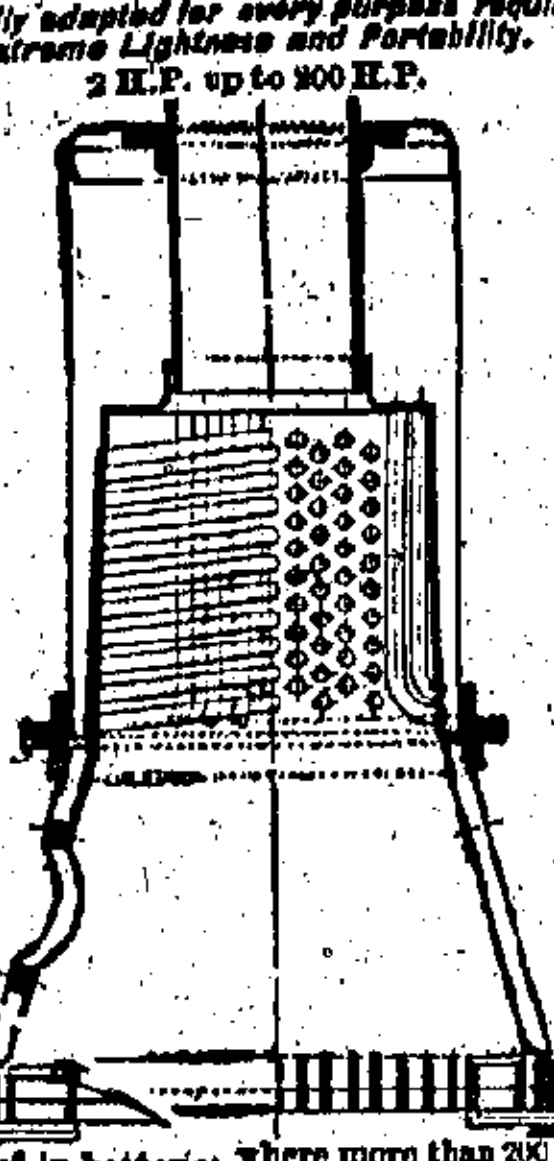
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St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 25th October, 10th Sunday after Trinity. Holy Communion 10 a.m. Matins (11 a.m.). Responses, Psalms, Venite, Ouseley, Psalms, of the 25th morning; Te Deum, Woodward Smart and Turley; Benediction, Langdon; Hymns, 23, 24, and 207; Evening 6.45 p.m. (Full Choir). Responses, Psalms, of the 25th evening; Magnificat; Gloria; Hymns, 11, 185, 194 and 223; Kyrie. Holy Communion 7.45 p.m.

St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West.—10th Sunday after Trinity. Morning Prayer 11 a.m. Venite, Ouseley, Psalms, Jones and Leonard; Te Deum, Llewellyn; Gloria, Goodson; Hymns, 4, 40, 181 and 381; Kyrie. Evening Prayer 6.30 p.m. Gloria; Magnificat; Gregory; Nunc Dimittis; Foster; Hymns, 11, 185, 194 and 223; Kyrie. Holy Communion 7.45 p.m.

The Church launch, Dayspring, will call on ships carrying white crews, to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Boat, and between 5.15 and 6 p.m., returning afterwards. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, Ac, provided.

Sunday School 10—10.45 a.m. 25th, 33.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Minister: Rev. C. H. Hickling. 11 a.m. Worship. Hymns 269, 240 and 267. Psalm 18 (Bedford) Anthem "Lift up your heads" (Hopkins). Subject: "The World-conflict." Noon. Communion around the Lord's Table. Hymn 417. 3 p.m. Sunday School at Quarry Bay. 4 p.m. Sunday School at Union Church and in British School, Kowloon. 6 p.m. Evening Prayer. Hymns 329, 321, 151 and 175. Psalm 110 (Parry). Subject "The World that cuts." Wednesday 5.30. Devotional Service. Books at a glance "Proverbs" and "Song of Solomon." Thursday 9 p.m. Literary Club, Dr. A. P. Wilder. "My Tour in the Philippines." Open to Public. Friday 8 p.m. Christian Fellowship Society. Subject: "Coincidences."

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road (Roman Catholic). Mass, Benediction and Sermon in English, at 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's, Kowloon.—(Robinson Road, near British School). Sundays.—Holy Communion 1st and 4th Sundays in month at noon; 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5 a.m.; 3rd Sundays at 7 p.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon, at 6 p.m.; Children's Service (and Baptisms, if necessary) on 3rd Sundays, at 3 p.m.; Sunday School at 3 p.m. on remaining Sundays. Wednesday.—Evening Prayer with address at 6 p.m. Congregational practices of Hymns, &c. at 6.15. "Hymnal Companion" used and provided. All seats are free after the commencement of Service. Appropriated sittings are reserved up to that time only. Churchings before or after any of the services and Baptisms at special times, by appointment with the chaplain. The Church is open daily until sunset, and can be used for Prayer and Meditation.

At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to-morrow the Holy Communion will be administered at 8 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a.m. (when the church parade party of "F" Company, Middlesex Regiment will be present permitting attend. Holy Baptism at 12.30 noon. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 6 p.m. The vicar will be in aid of the Church Matrons Fund, which is in debt to the Treasurer and has heavy claims to meet in the near future.

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HOME NEWS.

THE DANISH BANK FRAUDS.

London, September 21st.—The *Poit kept*, a daily newspaper published at Copenhagen, states that the Committee of the Dairy and Farmers' Association reports that Willer and Riley, Limited, provision merchants, London, are indebted to the Association to the extent of 1,000,000 kronas (about £25,000) as the result of the funds wrested on the Zealand Peasants Savings Bank by M. Alberti, Danish ex-Minister for Justice.

The managing director of Willer and Riley Limited, has issued a statement declaring that there will be no interruption of the firm's business and that arrangements will shortly be completed to obtain Danish butter as hitherto.

London, September 22nd.—M. Alberti, ex-Minister for Justice in Denmark, embroiled 250,000 kronas belonging to the Zealand Peasants' Savings Bank. His forgerie on the Butter Association amount to £25,000.

The *Daily Mail* states that it is understood that the losses of Willer and Riley, Limited represent a minor portion of the latter amount, and apparently the money is recoverable from the Butter Association, which can recover from the farmers.

The *Butter Trade Journal* of Copenhagen declares that 32 dairies are liable for £25,000 each in consequence of the frauds and this liability may ruin the small farmers, who had no idea they had any responsibility after they had received payment for their milk.

EMPIRE DAY CELEBRATION STATISTICS.

London, September 23rd.—Official reports show that Empire Day (May 24th) was observed by 15,640 schools and 322,900 scholars in the United Kingdom, and by 35,483 scholars and 3,546,200 scholars in the Colonies and Overseas for the year for the Empire being 3,119 schools and 716,000 scholars.

REAPPEARANCE OF SMITH PIGGOT.

London, September 23rd.—A second child named Power, has been born to John Smith Piggot (leader of the Agapemones) and Miss Ruth Preece at "The Abode of Love," at Spaxton, in Somersetshire. Piggot's last wife, who was married to him in 1891, died in 1892, and the child was born in 1893. The child was named after the mother of the "Abode."

THE FRENCH CRUISER EXPLOSION.

London, September 23rd.—When the nine-inch gun burst on the French cruiser "Laocoe," Toulon, yesterday, the covering of its turret flew to splinters, and the deck was littered with the mutilated remains of the 13 victims of the accident.

WRECK OF A BARQUE.

London, September 23rd.—The American iron barque "Star of Bengal" (1,877 tons, built in 1874) was wrecked yesterday on the Alaskan coast.

Nine white persons and 101 Chinese and Japanese went down with the vessel. Twenty-seven of those on board were saved.

HURRICANE IN THE WEST INDIES.

London, September 24th.—A hurricane yesterday devastated the Bahamas Islands in the British West Indies. Many vessels were wrecked, and numerous houses destroyed. Great distress has been caused by the storm.

NAVAL PEACE RISKS.

London, September 24th.—Two hundred and eighty-eight officers and men have been killed by disasters in the French navy since 1900. The loss in ships and naval armament during the same period has been estimated at £2,400,000.

AUSTRALIAN NAVAL DEFENCE.

London, September 24th.—Lord Brassey, in a letter to "The Times," expresses profound satisfaction with the Admiralty's new policy with regard to Australian naval defence. The joint of cruisers will, he states, be of great service to Australia at little cost to Great Britain, as the latter, being bound to maintain building warships, always has vessels to spare.

Continuing, Lord Brassey suggests that cruisers of the "Spadista" and "Crescent" type are desirable for Australia. He advises the Admiralty to carry out the policy ungrudgingly, and to lend more than two cruisers if there be good use for more, and also freely to lend officers and instructors in the inaugural stage of the Commonwealth navy. The handing over of our cruisers should be done with all the pomp and circumstance of which Sir John Fisher, First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, is a past master. The loaned vessel should form part of the squadron of our most powerful cruisers.

London, September 25th.—The *Daily Chronicle* states that the Admiralty very properly stipulates that in war time its control of the Australian navy must be absolute. There is nothing more certain than that Australia will be unable for many years to come to assume the sole responsibility for her own naval defence. Her safety depends upon the British navy, and it will continue so to depend.

OLYMPIC GAMES.

London, September 24th.—The Irish-American athletes who competed at the Stadium have circled every American college, attacking British fair play in connection with some of the events contested at the Olympic Games. Judge Dowling of the Supreme Court, Mr. James Sullivan, the American Commissioner to the Games; and Mr. Conway, the President of the Irish-American Athletic Club, attended a dinner in New York, and denounced what they termed British unfair play. Mr. Sullivan declared that the Liverpool policemen were prepared shoes for the tug-of-war contest.

London, September 25th.—The Swedish Olympic Committee have thanked Lord Desborough, President of the Olympic Games Committee, for the fair play the Swedish competitors received at the Olympic games in England.

London, September 25th.—A Marathon race organised in Aid of the newspaper *Il Secolo* attracted 500 entries, but the medical men appointed to examine the contestants refused to allow 300 to compete. The race was won by Rosi, a Milanese youth, in 54 min. 6 sec. P. Dorando refused to have anything to do with the race.

London, September 25th.—J. J. Hayes and P. Dorando have arranged to race in New York.

THE PERSECUTION OF JOEL.

London, September 24th.—Charles Windsor and Arthur Gahan, farmers, were charged in a London Police Court yesterday with having threatened to murder Mr. J. B. Joel unless he paid them £570.

Remarkable letters were read showing that the writers posed as members of the Cameristia Honore, a secret society. The communications informed Mr. Joel that a member of the society had been chosen by lot to assassinate Joel.

On seeing an advertisement in the *Daily Chronicle* agreeing to pay the money demanded the prisoners sent another letter to Mr. Joel stating that men would call for the money at Joel's house. When Gahan called he was arrested. He confessed that Windsor wrote the letters and promised him half the blackmail money if he assisted him.

The prisoners, who were remanded, were refused bail.

London, September 25th.—A sensation was caused at Newmarket yesterday by the discovery near Mr. Solly Joel's stables that 50 small indication posts had been removed from the sides of a tan, expensive course and buried beneath the turf, apparently with the intention of laming Mr. Joel's race-horses.

PLOT TO KILL KING ALFONSO.

London, September 25th.—A Spanish anarchist named Fernando Canatras has been arrested at Pau, in the south-west of France, on a charge of having plotted to assassinate King Alfonso of Spain on his Majesty's arrival at Biarritz, a French watering-place on the Bay of Biscay.

MR. CARNEGIE AND THE HEROIC AGE.

London, September 25th.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the well-known American capitalist and philanthropist, has given £250,000, (producing an income of £12,500 per annum) for the foundation of a Hero Fund for the United Kingdom to reward heroes of peace and to maintain their widows and orphans.

"We live," states Mr. Carnegie, "in a heroic age often thrilled by deeds of heroism. Women or women are injured or killed in attempting to preserve or rescue their fellows these heroes of civilisation ought to be freed from the pecuniary cares resulting from their heroism."

Men and women alike—sailors, railway men, nurses, doctors, police, and firemen—in the British Isles and waters thereof will be eligible for rewards from the Hero Fund, which will be administered by the Carnegie, Danfermire Trust.

His Majesty the King approves of Mr. Carnegie's scheme. The trustees are directed that whenever the King expresses a wish regarding cases of heroism his will shall be law to them.

Mr. Carnegie has now distributed £34,000,000 for philanthropic purposes.

EARTHQUAKE OFF MEXICO.

London, September 25th.—During the course of earthquake shocks off Acapulco, a Pacific seaport in Mexico, a few days ago, the German steamer "Hydima," 4,756 tons, bound from San Francisco to Hamburg, was suddenly lifted up and then let down again, with the result that some spars fell, killing four persons and injuring twelve others.

A SENSATIONAL MOTOR RACE.

London, September 25th.—Thirty-six motor-cars started in the race for 25 horse-power four-in-hand, cylinder motor-car, held on the Isle of Man, over a distance of 3.5 miles. The contest was held to determine the highest speed that could be obtained with an unlimited consumption of petrol. In anticipation of accident's ten ambulance stations were provided, and many medical men were in attendance. The race was won by a Hutton car, built by the Napier Company and driven by Mr. W. Watson. The time was 4 min. 55 sec. The second and third were Darroque, which took 5 min. 10 sec. and 5 min. 15 sec. A number of cars were damaged, but there were no serious accidents. Mr. Watson's car was the first to start, and it was never passed.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

London, September 25th.—Economies effected through working arrangements being entered into by the leading railway companies, and depression in trade, have led to the Great Western Company closing its stations on Great Western line, and in consequence the company has closed with the services of many hands. The Midland, London, and North-Western Companies have made similar reductions in the number of their employees.

A CONVICT'S DISCLOSURE.

London, September 25th.—A convict named John F. Spence has made statements which have led to the arrest at Leicester of several persons incriminated in burglaries on a large scale. The proceeds were handed to receivers in London within a few hours.

BANKS INGENUOUSLY SWINDLED.

London, September 25th.—An ingenious bank swindle has caused a sensation in banking circles. A form bearing a secret code word was presented at the Harlesden branch of the London and South-Western Bank, intimating that there had been transferred to that bank £750 belonging to a customer, and received at the Catford branch. An account was forthwith opened, and the supposed customer withdrew £250, and departed in an automobile. The audacious swindler repeated the same operation at seven other branches, each of which received a similar notice. The swindler netted no less than £7,323.

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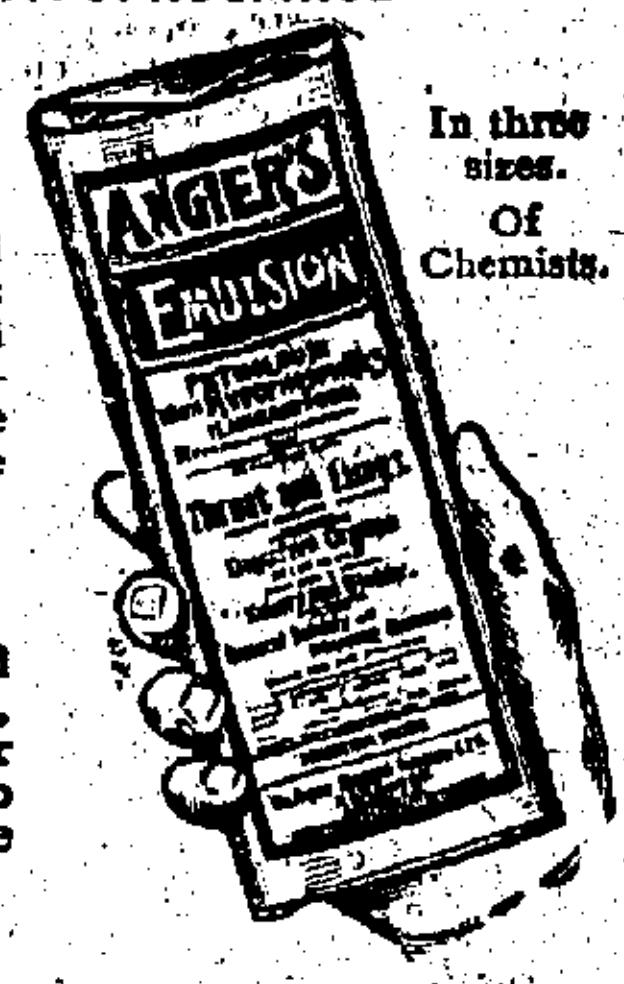
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ARRIVALS.
CLARA JESSEN, German str., 1,102, Jacob
 Behnken, 23rd Oct.—Chefoo 17th October,
 General—Johanna & Co.
FRIGAT to Chinese str., 854, Westland, 23rd
 Oct.—Shanghai 20th October, General—
 Chinese.
HAIKING, British str., 1,356, Passmore, 23rd
 October—Fochow, Amoy and Swatow
 22nd October, General—Douglas, Lapraik
 & Co.
HANOI, French str., 742, J. Pannier, 23rd Oct.—
 Haiphong 18th October, General—A. R.
 Marty.
HIKOKAI MARU, Japanese str., 2,302, Masuda,
 23rd October—Moj 17th October, Coal—
 Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
KNIVSBORG, German str., 616, Henk, 23rd Oct.—
 Swatow 22nd October, General—Johsen
 & Co.
MANDARIN MARU, Jap. str., 3,340, Schimidt,
 23rd Oct.—Kobe 19th Oct., Coal
 and Sugar—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
MARAT, Dutch str., 1,597, E. Uidal, 23rd Oct.—
 Singapore 18th October, Sugar—Chinese.
TAMINGO, British str., 1,350, A. Somerville, 23rd
 October—Manila 20th October, General—
 Butterfield & Swire.
TENYO MARU, Japanese str., 3,447, E. Bont,
 23rd Oct.—San Francisco 25th September,
 Mails and General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.
TILATAP, Dutch str., 2,975, P. J. Emmert,
 23rd Oct.—Macassar 20th Oct., General—
 Java-China-Japan Lijn.

CLEARANCES
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 23rd October
CLARA JESSEN, German str., for Canton.
FRIGAT, British str., for Shanghai.
Indra, British str., for Singapore.
Kueichow, British str., for Tientsin.
Zefiro, British str., for Manila.

DEPARTURES.
 23rd October
CHONGSHANG, British str., for Canton.
CHILLI, British str., for Hobei.
FOREST DALE, British str., for Samarang.
HAIKING, British str., for Swatow.
HELENE, German str., for Swatow.
KALAM, British str., for Canton.
KUANG, British str., for Canton.
KLEIST, German str., for Shanghai.
MARIE, German str., for Newchwang.
MARCO, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
TUPANAS, Dutch str., for Batavia.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
 The Chinese str. **Weihsang** reports: Moderate
 N.E. monsoon Formosa Channel.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
 October 23rd
ABERDEEN DOCKS—Keongwong,
 Kowloon DOCKS—H.M.S. **Whiting**, U.S.S.
Albatross, **Montana**, **Kiang Ta**, **Sierra Blanca**,
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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & C. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	ASSAYE	Brit. str.	—	C. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 31st inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & C.	SUMATRA	Brit. str.	—	E. W. Bruce	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th Nov.
ANTWERP & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS & C.	LIBERIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Knael	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	Beginning of November.
HAYE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS & C.	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 2nd Nov.
HAYE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS & C.	SKYKAMIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 15th Nov.
MARSEILLES, HAYE & COPENHAGEN	PEKING	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, C. VIA PORTS OF CALL	CALEDONIAN	Fr. str.	—	Marin	MELCHERS & Co.	On 27th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & C.	HITACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. E. Cope	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE & C.	KAMAKURA MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Fraser	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 11th Nov., at D'light
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, GIBRALTAR & C.	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	G. Rott	MELCHERS & Co.	On 4th Nov., at Noon.
TRIESTE & C. VIA SINGAPORE & C.	AUSTRIA	Aut. str.	—	Raich	SANDER, WIELER & Co.	On 27th inst., P.M.
NEW YORK	PATHAN	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Nov.
NEW YORK	WAGLINDE	Ger. str.	—	Mohr	CARLOWITZ & Co.	On 3rd Nov.
BOSTON & NEW YORK	INVERCLYDE	Am. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	About 20th Nov.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN & C.	GLIMPARD	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC B. Co.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN & C.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC B. Co.	On 7th Nov., at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI & C.	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Wm. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI & C.	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th Nov., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	SUBERIC	Brit. str.	—	W. Shotton	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Nov.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Matheson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINCE SCHISMUND	Ger. str.	—	D. Lens	MELCHERS & Co.	On 5th Nov., at 5 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	BRUNAR	Brit. str.	—	Hood	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 12th Nov., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. W. Eddy	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st Nov., at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th Nov., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ONANG	Brit. str.	—	N. Nielsen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at D'light
YOKOSAKI & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Hose Core	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TJIRINI	Dut. str.	—	H. Koops	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Quick despatch.
JAPAN	COESSE	Fr. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	On 26th Nov.
CHINGWANGTAO, JAPAN, AMERICA & C.	KWETANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Dowson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst., at 4 P.M.
TIENTSIN VIA SWATOW & CHEFOO	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	V. McClymont-Liddell	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHOYKANG	Brit. str.	—	Sandback	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TOURANE	Fr. str.	—	Lancelin	MELCHERS & Co.	About 26th inst.
SHANGHAI	KIVKANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. A. Wall	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI MOI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	FOOKSANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. G. Cubitt, R.M.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA KOBE & MOI	HANGSANG	Brit. str.	—	A. E. Sandback	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI VIA NINGPO	DELHI	Brit. str.	—	J. D. Andrews, R.M.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 30th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	MYOTU MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Hende	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 30th inst.
SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SYTHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Brehmer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 31st inst.
SHANGHAI NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRINCE LUDWIG	Ger. str.	k. w.	F. v. Binzer	MELCHERS & Co.	On 2nd Nov.
SHANGHAI YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	V. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 4th Nov.
SHANGHAI	TILATAP	Dut. str.	—	P. J. van Emmerik	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	On 20th Nov.
APING VIA SWATOW & AMOY	SHOHEI MARU	Jap. str.	—	I. Sakurai	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	Quick despatch.
TAMUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at 10 A.M.
SWATOW & AMOY	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	ZAVHO	Brit. str.	1 m.	R. Rogers	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 27th inst., at 11 A.M.
MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str.	—	A. Somerville	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	YUEN	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	BOHEO	Ger. str.	—	F. Sembill	MELCHERS & Co.	On 31st inst., at Noon.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	YETOROFF MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Middle of November.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	GREGORY APCAR	Brit. str.	—	S. H. Bolton	DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.	On 26th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUTANG	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Brit. str.	—	E. J. Todd	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 31st inst., at 1 P.M.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG & C.	TUPANAS	Dut. str.	—	Fender	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	On 6th Nov., at 1 P.M.

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PRINZ LUDWIG" Capt. F. v. Binzer	About Wed'ay 4th November.
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SAMARAI, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. Lenz	Thursday, 5th Nov., at 5 P.M.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	"BORNEO" Capt. F. Sembill	Middle of November.

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SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TOURANE" Capt. Lancelin	About 26th October.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	"CALEDONIAN" Capt. Marin	On 27th Oct. 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"ARMAND BEBIG" Capt. Guionnet	On 9th Nov., P.M.
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SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.....	SOMALI Capt. A. G. Cabitt, R.N.R.	Noon, 28th Oct.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	DELHI Capt. J. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	About, 30th Oct.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALIFORNIA.....	ASSAYE Capt. C. L. Daniel	Noon, 31st Oct.	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PEN- ANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSHALLS.....	SUMATRA Capt. E. W. Bruce	On 4th Nov.	Freight and Passage.

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SHANGHAI.....	"KIUKIANG".....	On 28th Oct. 4 P.M.
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MANILA.....	"TAMING".....	On 27th Oct. 4 P.M.
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S.S. BRISGAVIA..... 17th Dec.	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:
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* YOKOHAMA & KOBE.....	"ONSANG".....	Wednesday, 28th Oct. Noon.
* SHANGHAI VIA NINGPO.....	"HANGSANG".....	Friday, 30th Oct. Noon.
* MANILA.....	"YUENSANG".....	Friday, 30th Oct. 4 P.M.
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MARSEILLES, HAVRE and COPENHAGEN.....	"CANTON".....	Middle of November.

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 5th November, ... at 8.30 p.m.
 13th November, ... at 11.30 a.m.

The Tientsin with the French mail of the 25th ult. left Saigon on Friday, the 23rd inst., at noon and may be expected here on Monday, the 26th instant. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 22nd August.

FOR	PER	DATE
Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Tokyo	Saturday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Zaporo	Saturday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Gregory	Saturday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Fakai and	Hanoi	Saturday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Haiphong	Kobe	Saturday, 24th, 1.00 P.M.
Quang Chow Wan and Hoihow	Sui Tai	Saturday, 24th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila	Obayashi	Saturday, 24th, 3.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Hongkong and Yokohama	Pongtong	Saturday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore and Bangkok	Malindi	Saturday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Haiphong and Amoy	Hankow	Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore and Amoy	Kobe	Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Amoy and Tamsui	Manila	Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Ocean Island	Sui Tai	Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Amoy and Tamsui	Obayashi	Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Chefoo and Tientsin	Kobe	Monday, 26th, 8.00 P.M.
Yokohama	Kobe	Monday, 26th, 8.00 P.M.
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 The M.M. str. Tientsin with the French Mail of the 27th ult. and mails from London of the 26th ult. left Saigon on Friday, the 23rd inst. at noon, and may be expected to arrive here on or about Monday the 26th inst., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
 The American & Oriental Line str. Tudor Prince from New York is expected to arrive here on Friday, the 27th inst.
 The N.Y.K. str. Yatai Maru (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 19th inst., and is expected here to-morrow.
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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, October 23rd.

COMPANY	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS
Alhambra	£500	Nominal
Bank	£100	\$800, sales
Hongkong & Shanghai	£100	London \$20
National B. of China	£25	\$51, buyers
Bell's Amoy Dock	£12	\$3, buyers
China-Borneo Co.	£12	\$10, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	£1	\$51, sellers
China Provident	£10	\$31, buyers
Cotton Mills	£10	\$10, sellers
Ever	£10	\$10, sellers
Hongkong	£10	\$10, sellers
International	£10	\$10, sellers
Latou Kung Mow	£10	\$10, sellers
Soyabes	£10	\$10, sellers
Dairy Farm	£10	\$10, sellers
Docks and Wharves	£10	\$10, sellers
H. & K. Wharf & O.	£10	\$10, sellers
H. & W. Dock	£10	\$10, sellers
New Amoy Dock	£10	\$10, sellers
Shanghai Dock	£10	\$10, sellers
Shai & H. Wharf	£10	\$10, sellers
Fenwick & Co., Geo.	£25	\$12, sellers
Green Island Cement	£10	\$10, sales & sel.
Hongkong & C. Gas	£10	\$125, buyers
Hongkong Electric	£10	\$121, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Co.	£10	\$77, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co.	£10	\$25, sellers
H.K. Milling Co., Ltd.	£100	Nominal
In Liquidation	£10	\$24, sellers
Hongkong Rope Co.	£10	\$18, sellers
Insurance	£10	\$18, r.d.
China Fire	£10	\$20, buyers
China Traders	£10	\$25, buyers
Hongkong Fire	£10	\$25, sales & sel.
North China	£10	\$25, r.d., buy.
Union	£100	\$175, sales
Yangtze	£10	\$100, buyers
Land and Building	£100	\$91, sales & sel.
Hongkong Land	£10	\$9, buyers
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West Point Building	£10	\$11, sellers
Mining	£10	\$10, buyers
Charbonnages	£10	\$10, buyers
Baobas	£10	\$10, buyers
Peak Tramways	£10	\$10, buyers
Philippines Co.	£10	\$10, buyers
Refineries	£10	\$10, buyers
China Sugar	£10	\$10, buyers
Luzon Sugar	£10	\$10, buyers
Bolina & Piano Co.	£10	\$10, buyers
Steamship Companies	£10	\$10, buyers
China & Manila	£10	\$10, buyers
Douglas Steamship	£10	\$10, buyers
H. & W. Dock	£10	\$10, buyers
Indo-China S.N. Co.	£10	\$10, buyers
Small Transport Co.	£10	\$10, buyers
Star Ferry	£10	\$10, buyers
Do, New	£10	\$10, buyers
South China M. Post	£10	\$10, buyers
Steam Laundry Co.	£10	\$10, buyers
Stores & Dispensaries	£10	\$10, buyers
Campbell & Co.	£10	\$10, buyers
Powell & Co., Wm.	£10	\$10, buyers
Watson & Co., S.	£10	\$10, buyers
United Assurance	£10	\$10, buyers
Do, Zoukous	£10	\$10, buyers
Union Waterboat Co.	£10	\$10, buyers

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.
 From October, 24th to 30th, 1903.

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.
 Hongkong Observatory, October 23rd.

Barometer	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Clouds
29.92	77	7	W	2	0
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Hongkong, October 23rd.

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Mr. H. Brian Bates	Dr. and Mrs. W.
Mr. H. G. Baitlocombe	Moore
Mr. R. Benson	Mr. O. Selby Moss
Dr. G. D. B. Black	Mr. H. M. Meehan
Mr. T. Braggfield	Mr. C. E. Nichol
Major Bryan, R.A.M.C.	Mr. E. Nieldhard
Misa C. Cae's	Mr. B. L. Packer
Mr. M. O. Clark	Dr. W. W. Paars
Mr. H. E. Colvin	Dr. and Mrs.
Mr. H. L. Condon	Perindorge
Mr. H. H. Cook	Mr. A. H. Ray
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Mrs. Davis	Capt. & Mrs.
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Mrs. Ezhogoyen & maid	Mrs. & Mrs. A. E. R.
Misa Ezhogoyen	& child
Mr. Elizade's family	Mr. A. G. Smith
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Mr. Rusemann	Mr. D. V. Stevas
Mr. S. Ito	Mr. T. Symp
Mr. E. H. Jordan	Mr. K. Takeda
Mr. F. Kroff	Misa de Vito
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Misa Leachindoo	Mr. Y. Yokayama
Mr. W. H. Lamb	

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THE ENGLISHMAN IN JAPAN.

Tokyo, August 1st.

We are always trying to teach the Japanese by precept; what do we do by example? I found ample signs of a national restiveness under the former process. There is a growing feeling that we are overdoing it. Personally I much question whether the Oriental appreciates the well-meant but often clumsy efforts of Occidental critics to reform the moral delinquencies. In material matters the Japanese is perfectly willing to show himself an apt pupil; in ethics he has more than a mere preference for his own code, and if he consents to make admissions that he has short-comings as judged by the Western standard, one can be quite sure that he has an object in so doing, and this usually is some augmentation of his personal economic advantage. Such admissions he is loath to make in regard to the charges of commercial immorality—I might quote others, though one instance will suffice—but he is coming to the conclusion that the colours in which we are wont to paint his turpitude are habitually over-laid.

And it is significant that he is, on the general question, beginning to retort with the personal argument, employed not offensively—for I have always found the Japanese kind and courteous in references to our nation—but with sufficient point and aptness to make one convinced of his sincerity. On more than one occasion it has been suggested to me that the standard of Englishmen in Japan is not so high as it once was, and this not with the intention of palliating national defects, or obliquities of the traits that two blacks do not make a white; but with a sentiment of regret that the direct influence of the friendly foreigner on national character is losing some of its former force and efficacy. One would not lightly accept such a criticism, least of all if coming from a tainted source, since it is futile to deny that many very high ethical standards are being set by most of the British of standing long resident in the country. There seem to be many reasons for it, but all have their origin in modern conditions.

In the first place, it is necessary to recollect how few British, relatively speaking, there are in Japan. They are all more or less known to each other in the districts in which they live, and they are all very well known to the Japanese Government, which exercises a perfectly admirable supervision of foreigners if it is endorsed by most of the British of standing long resident in the country. There seem to be many reasons for it, but all have their origin in modern conditions.

But a community can surround all drawbacks of this kind, provided only its main elements be sound, and in Japan, where nowadays the reputation of the British stands or falls on the moral and intellectual calibre of its commercial representatives, one can conveniently describe one's inquiries and find one's analysis of men and methods to a relatively restricted period of time. It should be almost unnecessary to state we are having to fight very hard for our commercial existence in Japan. The trump-card we have always held in Japan, and still hold, is organization. The methods which have notoriously characterized the war-waging of Japan had as yet practically no exposition in her conduct of trade and commerce. In two years' time the case may be altered. The Japanese will have better business representatives will hold their own in many a domain of commercial enterprise. Thus the need is obvious for our training the finest type of younger men, of bringing into the Japanese arena the best available promise of commercial activity—unfortunately the circumstances appear to be discouraging the leading commercial houses from granting a policy which they feel and know is alone sound and beneficial. Of course the days are very large profits have gone, too, are the opportunities of monopolistic trading; but there is ample room in Japan for remunerative commerce, if unmingled with speculation, and prosecuted on progressive lines of sober and thoughtful development. At present I do not gather that the newcomer in business, young or middle-aged, is often of high standard. Firms hesitate away to bring out the best promise from home—doubtless they feel that the salaries offered would not prove sufficient inducement in view of the universal competition for brains. The vacant post is, accordingly, more often given to the casual applicant on the spot, even the beachcomber need not despair in Japan. And, unfortunately, there are more of these than one likes to see. The European—often British—lover is not uncommon, and there are always to be met derelicts, not necessarily greatly themselves to blame for their position, wandering in the streets of the larger cities.

And with the advent of the poorer type of men comes the concomitant of criticism of men and things. Japanese criticism which I fear is too often the tribute paid by apprehensive mediocrity to mental possibilities. And it is this which appears to rasp the feelings of the objects of this attention. At the same time there is no reason why the Japanese should confuse in their judgment this generalization of the well disposed. There is just a regrettable tendency in this direction. One does not necessarily fill the role of a friend by raising a perished peach of undiluted praise, nor should a friend be expected to assume this duty. At the same time, if the Japanese consents to accept criticism from anyone, he shows a predisposition in favour of a British origin.

One word on the general position of the Englishman in Japan. It is quite satisfactory. The tourist is welcomed, and I attach no importance to the occasional outbreaks of local boogymen. This is not a nation's monopoly. The missionary is every where respected and often liked, though his faith, as he will himself admit, makes as yet surprisingly little headway. The British sailor and soldier are alike treated with confidence and goodwill, and I can myself testify to the complete reciprocity in service matters existing between the allied nations. Only there is going to be the most strenuous competition—almost warfare—in the field of commerce, and we cannot afford to give away any chances. That is why I feel somewhat uneasy about the future type of Englishman in Japan.—CHAS. LES WATKINS, in the Westminster Gazette.

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MR. HEARST'S CHARGES AGAINST SENATOR FORAKER.

A Washington, dispatch to a London paper gives the following particulars of the charges made by Mr. Hearst against prominent men of the Republican party:—

Mr. Hearst has exploded a bombshell in the Republican camp by charges of corruption which he has brought against Senator Foraker at Cincinnati. Republican leaders and managers are making haste to disown the Senator, and I understand that he has been requested to abandon the "stamping" tour he was to make next month in the interests of Mr. Taft. Naturally, no open action will be taken, but the Republicans feel that they cannot, unless the charges are absolutely disproved, accept the assistance of Mr. Foraker. Mr. Hearst's charges practically amount to calling Senator Foraker a tool of the Standard Oil Company, and in proof he has produced letters written to the Senator by Mr. John A. Archbold, vice president of the trust.

These letters, which were written in 1899, refer to Congressional legislation, and also request Mr. Foraker to secure the election of a judge in Ohio who was known to be favourable to the interests of the trust. One of the letters in this connection mentions a payment to Mr. Foraker of \$4,000 and another speaks of a smaller sum.

Mr. Foraker since the publication of these letters has explained that the payments were for legal services in connection with Ohio court cases, and though he denies the implication that he was under any political obligation to the Standard Oil, he offers no convincing explanation as to what these references to legislation mean.

The charges, backed by the letters, have taken a firm hold on public opinion, and are likely to do the Republican cause considerable damage. Many of the papers to-day state that it is unlikely that Senator Foraker will again present himself for election to the Senate or other public office.

Mr. Foraker's charges do not stop at Senator Foraker. Among others whom he calls "the tools of the trust" are Senator Bailey, of Texas; ex-Governor Sibley, of Pennsylvania; and Governor Haskell, of Oklahoma. In their cases he also has brought forward letters backing up his charges.

A DIVORCE LAW FOR THE STRAITS.

WHY NOT FOR HONGKONG?

Unqualified satisfaction is expressed by the Straits Times in regard to the assurance given by the Governor of the Straits Settlements, that among the new legislation which will be introduced at an early date, a "Divorce Bill" will be included. It says:—"This is a very proper response to the pressure of public opinion. As we have had occasion to point out, the theory of British law is that it shall be equally at the disposal of all classes. Nothing is more repugnant to British interest than that there should be one law for the rich and another for the poor, and of set purpose no such invidious distinction is tolerated. Yet it is a fact that, as there is at present no Divorce Law in the Colony, persons of moderate means are wholly deprived of a benefit which those who command money can obtain by carrying their complaints before the courts in England. The disability ought to be removed without loss of time. The moral rights of wrongs of divorce law are not the matters at issue. It is simply a question of placing every social rank on a reasonable footing of equality for securing privileges which the Imperial Parliament in the exercise of its wisdom has seen fit to grant."

The arguments in favour of a Divorce Law for the Straits applied with equal force to Hongkong, and if a Divorce law is practicable in the Straits Settlements it must be so in Hongkong. A case which recently came before the Supreme Court illustrated the hardship entailed by the absence of such Colonial legislation and afforded grounds for hope that the Government would give the matter consideration. But no public announcement has been made on the subject.

CHINA'S RAILWAY LOANS AND RAILWAY PROFITS.

The announcement by Renter that the loan for the re-impement of the Peking-Hankow Railway has been largely over-subscribed is almost what might have been expected in the nature of things. It has come to be recognized that railways in China have quite passed from the position of being objects of suspicion in the Chinese mind, and that in spite of the opposition of half a century the Chinese have at last come to realize the immense possibilities of their Imperial dignity and crowned by the Pope? The present Emperor of Austria is, of course, a lineal descendant of Francis II., who by instrument under the Imperial seal, dated August 6, 1866, in due form resigned "the Imperial Crown and the Imperial Government," thus abdicating "the Electors, Princes and States, and all that belongs to the Empire" from their allegiance. What then is an Emperor in the accepted modern sense? "Mr. Freeman," continues the correspondent to the "Daily News," "always maintained that 'Archduke of Austria and King of Hungary' was the correct title of the ruler of these countries, because no Sovereign can be an Emperor unless there are Princes, sovereign over their subjects, owing allegiance to him."

The line itself is not being hypothesized for the payment of the loan. Besides the guarantee of the Ministry of Communications the bondholders have a lien on the annual profits of the line, and as the amount of the loan is five millions sterling it is obvious that the figures quoted, above will amply cover the interest payments at five per cent, especially as the traffic is growing yearly. It is also to be remembered that the present profits are large from short distance traffic. The fact that the railway terminates at Hankow and is not linked up with further lines seriously hampers its long-distance traffic, for the cost of transshipment at the terminus seriously increases the total costs for freight. If within the next ten years or so the Hankow-Szechwan line are completed the great arteries of commerce for the Empire will have been infused with the life blood, and it is to be expected that the profits of the Peking-Hankow trunk will increase out of all proportion with the present rate.

The present loan is redeemable in thirty years, and the bonds bear interest at their higher rate (five per cent) for fifteen years, in which connection it is to be noted that the Peking-Hankow railway shows that its profits have been sufficient to make repayment of both capital and interest in fifteen years; a good augury for the Peking-Hankow line.—Shanghai Mercury.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following is extracted from a London paper:—

Melbourne Inman, the billiard player, who is on his way home from Australia, has issued a challenge to play for the championship of the world. Dawson, who was the last man to take part in such a match, and beat Stevenson after a remarkable game at the National Sporting Club, declines to meet Inman, on the ground, presumably, that Inman is not in the same class as himself. It is extremely doubtful whether Stevenson will meet Inman for the same reason, but it is not unlikely that Tom Rees, whose form last season was excellent, will accept the challenge. If Inman and Rees play such a game, then Dawson and Stevenson will be forced into a match with the winner. It is difficult to say who is the billiard champion. Dawson, as I have already said, won this honour, but that was five years ago, and since then he has many times been defeated by Stevenson.

I do not think that Inman is such a good player as Rees, although when these two have played Inman has nearly always won. I doubt very much whether he will master Rees again, however. It is said that John Roberts will play in all the big matches next season. It will be extremely interesting to see how the "grand old man of the saloon" will fare against the younger generation of billiard players. In his few games last season Roberts was often the master. His delicacy of touch is only slightly impaired; as a personality he still stands alone the text book of the game which he has built up by his wonderful talent.

WHAT IS AN EMPEROR?

Some little time ago a leader-writer in the "Daily News" alluded to the Emperor of Austria "as nominal successor to the ancient Roman Empire," to which statement a correspondent to that paper takes exception. "Considering," he writes, "the strictly elective character of the headship of the Germanic Holy Roman Empire and the need for coronation of the Emperor-Elect, can any Sovereign Prince be the successor (nominal or real) of the Roman Emperor unless he be duly elected to the Imperial dignity and crowned by the Pope?" The present Emperor of Austria is, of course, a lineal descendant of Francis II., who by instrument under the Imperial seal, dated August 6, 1866, in due form resigned "the Imperial Crown and the Imperial Government," thus abdicating "the Electors, Princes and States, and all that belongs to the Empire" from their allegiance. What then is an Emperor in the accepted modern sense? "Mr. Freeman," continues the correspondent to the "Daily News," "always maintained that 'Archduke of Austria and King of Hungary' was the correct title of the ruler of these countries, because no Sovereign can be an Emperor unless there are Princes, sovereign over their subjects, owing allegiance to him."

CHINA'S CURRENCY CONFUSION.

Dr. Morrison telegraphing to the Times on the 19th. said:—

There is certainly room for financial reform in China, where no budget is issued, where 19 different kinds of dollars of different exchange value are current, besides newly coined taels, Chinese rupees, and an infinite variety of copper coins and brass cash; where debased subsidiary coinage is issued and not accepted at its face value by the Government issuing it; where an unlimited provincial note issue, without a bullion reserve, and other irregularities exist that make China a paradise of the money-changers and its currency confusion greater than in any country under heaven. In Peking five different dollars are current. In the adjoining Shan-shi province only British dollars are accepted without discount, while in the benighted telegraph service office in many stations, even so near Peking as Kaigai, no dollars are accepted, but only silver bullion or its equivalent in cash.

The inland taxation of the Empire as at present designed hampers industry, increases the trade depression, adds to the burdens of a trade already suffering, and prevents the growth of national wealth; yet the possibilities of trade and commerce in China under a rational financial administration are simply infinite.

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